

WILL ORDER IMMEDIATE ARMING OF MERCHANTMEN

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS IS CALLED FOR APRIL 16TH

Chief Executive Backed by Expert Opinion on Arming American Merchantmen and Sending Them Forth on Mission of Trade—Expected To Proceed at Once and That Congress Later Will Provide Money.

UNOFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT IS MADE THAT PRESIDENT WILL ACT AT ONCE

Washington, March 9.—(Associated Press Dispatch)—President Wilson today decided to call an extra session of Congress April 16th and that he has power to arm American merchantmen against German submarines.

He is expected to exercise his authority to arm merchantmen forthwith.

Washington, March 9.—(Associated Press Dispatch)—Fortified with the opinions of Attorney General Gregory and Secretary Lansing that he has the authority to arm American merchant vessels without action by Congress, the President is understood to be considering taking the step immediately.

At the same time, it was generally anticipated that a date for the extra session, which now seems certain, would be set in the immediate future.

Some members of Congress want at least two weeks between the time of calling the extra session and the time for it to convene.

It was thought possible that the President might go ahead and arm the ships and call an extra session of Congress to meet later to provide the necessary money and pass appropriation bills which failed last session.

Speaker of the House Clark called at the White House today and asked for information about the probable date of an extra session of Congress. He was told that he would be notified as promptly as possible.

RESOLUTION REQUESTING EARLY SESSION

Washington, March 9.—(Associated Press Dispatch)—In the ten minute session of the Senate today, Senator McLean, Republican, of Connecticut, introduced a resolution, prepared last night, requesting the President to call Congress in special session March 20 to enact measures of vital importance to the nation.

It was not discussed, and the Senate adjourned until Monday. There was no likelihood that it will be passed.

PRESENCE OF ANOTHER GERMAN SEA RAIDER IN ATLANTIC IS REPORTED

Associated Press Dispatch. New York, March 9.—The presence of a vessel suspected as a German raider in the sea lane traveled by ships running between New York and Mediterranean ports was reported by Captain D. M. Nicoll of the American steamship Suruga, which arrived here today from Havre and the Azores.

Captain Nicoll said that when the Suruga was north of the Azores on February 20 in the direct track of the New York-Mediterranean trade, he sighted a strange vessel bearing down upon him.

The vessel steamed completely around the Suruga, stopped, and then bore off in a new direction.

QUEER LETTERS COME TO THE PENITENTIARY

Associated Press Dispatch. Columbus, O., March 9.—The line of letters received by a warden of a penitentiary is somewhat different from that received by the head of any other institution.

Following are samples of letters received and answered the other day by Warden Preston E. Menocal of the Ohio penitentiary here. "What do you think about the value of capital punishment as a preventive of murder?" one letter from a Virginia high school student

The steamer was of the cargo type a large vessel with two masts, armed with stern gun and other pieces painted gray, and carried a funnel which did not parallel the masts.

She did not signal the Sudaga, Captain Nicoll said, and he did not learn her identity.

FORCES OF VILLA ARE BROKEN UP

Villistas in Western Chihuahua Are Disorganized—Big Cache of Ammunition Is Captured.

By Associated Press Dispatch.

Chihuahua City, Mexico, March 9.—A large quantity of ammunition hidden by Villa forces was found by the de facto troops after the battle of Cusihuiriachic, according to an official report made public here today.

A prisoner captured by the Carranza forces during the battle revealed the hiding place of the ammunition in return for a pardon.

The cache contained several thousand rifles, cartridges, and artillery shells.

Reports from the Guerrero district of Western Chihuahua say the Villa forces have become badly disorganized because of the absence of Villa on the field and the lack of leaders in his absence.

LABOR HEADS WILL DISCUSS DEFENSE PLAN

Associated Press Dispatch.

New York, March 9.—The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor at a special meeting today discussed in a preliminary way plans to be considered here next Monday at a general labor conference to determine what part its three million members shall take in national preparedness.

Several hundred representatives of all unions affiliated with the federation and the four railroad brotherhoods, who have an unofficial working agreement with the federation are expected to be present next Monday.

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Another letter from a Pennsylvania man asked that the writer be hired as the official executioner of the penitentiary.

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TIE HANDS OF THE BELGIANS

(Associated Press Cable)

Amsterdam, via London, March 9.—The German authorities, according to the *Telegraaf*, have virtually stopped all industry in Belgium.

The prohibition includes all factories employing more than twelve workmen or using engines of more than five horsepower, or consuming more than five tons of coal or other fuel monthly.

Belgians are also forbidden to build or finish factories after March 1 without permission, the newspaper states.

The repossession of Santiago and the capture of the rebel leader Gomez and his staff is regarded here as marking the collapse of the rebellion.

The day's dispatches do not say whether there was a fight but say the rebels, "realizing they were traitors about to be captured," threw away their arms and fled to the outskirts.

TRENCHES ARE TAKEN BY FRENCH

DETROIT HAS \$1,000,000 FIRE TODAY

Vast Store of Wheat
Said to Have Been
for Allies Is Des-
stroyed.

By Associated Press Dispatch.

Detroit, Mich., March 9.—A spectacular fire today destroyed the grain elevator of the Detroit Elevator Company. Adjoining buildings and valuable railroad property also were damaged. The total loss has been estimated at \$1,000,000.

The elevator, a sheet iron building forty years old, contained more than 300,000 bushels of grain, mostly wheat.

The fire started during the noon lunch hour, when all but two or three employees had left the building.

Less than an hour after the blaze was discovered, the building collapsed. No one was injured.

It was learned this afternoon that the grain destroyed was about to be exported to the Entente Allies.

While no official figures could be obtained as to the exact amount of cereals in the elevator, it was reported that 300,000 bushels was a very low estimate.

A Detroit newspaper declared that it was probable that 700,000 bushels were consumed. Investigations have been started to determine the exact cause of the fire.

CLAIM CUBAN REBELLION IS NEAR AN END

Associated Press Dispatch.

Washington, March 9.—Official dispatches to the Navy Department today established that Cuban Government forces have regained control of Santiago, the stronghold of the rebel uprising.

President Menocal has notified this government that Governor Munoz, in command there, represents him and the recognized Cuban Government.

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Among the bills passed by the House this morning were the Holt bill which had already passed the Senate, separating the Blue Sky Department from the State Banking Department and creating a commissioner of securities at \$4,000 a year.

The House also passed a bill by Representative Mansfield of Jefferson county, giving chiefs of police and fire departments appeal from the local civil service commissions to the Probate Court instead of the Common Pleas Court.

a watch for Fritzen for six months, they said.

They learned that he returned to California three days ago, and that he arrived in Los Angeles yesterday.

No papers nor anything of incriminating nature have been found in Fritzen's possession, it is said.

PRISONERS OF YARROWDALE

ON WAY HOME

Americans Held in
Germany Sent Out
Through Various
Frontier Towns.

Associated Press Dispatch.

London, March 9.—A dispatch from Berlin says that the Americans and other neutrals who were on board the captured British steamer Yarrowdale left Germany on Wednesday.

The Spanish, American, and Brazilian Yarrowdale prisoners were sent from the prisoners' camp at Brandenburg to Switzerland by way of Linden on Wednesday afternoon, according to a Berlin dispatch to Reuters.

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SERIOUSNESS OF PERUVIAN REVOLT GROWS

(Associated Press Cable)

Lima, Peru, March 9.—The political unrest which manifested itself on March 7 in the outbreak of serious disturbances in various parts of Peru is still strongly in evidence.

President Pardo yesterday declined to confer with a committee of the Civil Party, and today Xavier Prado, president of the Civil Party, issued a manifesto against the present Cabinet.

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Associated Press Dispatch.

London, March 9.—The taking of new testimony in the trial of Mrs. Alice Wheeldon, her two daughters, and Alfred George Mason, husband of one of the daughters, was resumed today before Justice Low in the Old Bailey, where the prisoners are charged with conspiring to murder Premier Lloyd George and Arthur Henderson, labor members of the War Council.

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SIMPLE SERVICES PRECED BURIAL

In the First Presbyterian Church where the late Mrs. J. W. Rothrock had worshipped so many years, and where her husband has long been Senior Elder of the session, the pastor, Rev. Wm. Boynton Gage, conducted services over all that was mortal of the beloved wife and mother, Thursday afternoon.

Many friends, both of the older and the younger generation sorrowed with the family as the words of the minister "I am the resurrection and the life," were voiced to plaintive strains from the organ, while the handsome casket, covered with a blanket of lilies and roses, the last tribute of husband and children, was borne down the aisle.

The services were of a quiet beauty and simplicity in perfect accord with the wishes of the peaceful sleeper and the very beautiful tribute paid to Mrs. Rothrock by the minister found response in every heart.

Rev. Gage spoke of the early training in a convenant home, surrounded by an atmosphere of faith and how the child who had learned to tread the path which led to the altar of prayer, had blossomed into true Christian womanhood possessing without ostentation or display a grip upon the real things of life.

He touched especially upon the many charitable, kindly acts of the deceased, known only to the angels above—"She was one of those old fashioned women whose lives are perpetuated to bless and help her family, her church and the age to which she belonged, and who has now entered into the beauty, the hope and the comfort of her heavenly reward."

The hymns, "Jesus Lover of My Soul" and "Lead Kindly Light" were most effectively sung by Miss Woodward, Mrs. Barney, Messrs. Kibler and Paul, Mrs. Davis at the organ.

The burial was in the family lot at the Washington cemetery—the pall-bearers Messrs. J. L. and Philip Rothrock, Hon. C. A. Reid, Mr. R. D. McClure, of Peebles, Mr. J. M. McClure, of Bloomingburg and Mr. R. T. McClure.

Relatives here from a distance were the daughter, Mrs. Chas. Bell and Mr. Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Neil, Columbus, Mrs. Rhoda Connell, Mrs. Tom DeBruin, Mr. R. D. McClure, Mrs. Margaret Beekman, of Peebles, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Minshall, Columbus, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. McClure, Bloomingburg.

in lots will be taken up as soon as possession is given by the present owner.

Following the joint session of the trustees and council, the city council will take up the matter of flushing the city streets by purchase of a flusher and by special assessment against the property owner. It is expected that if definite action is taken at the session tonight, relief may be afforded before the spring is far advanced.

MURDERED MAN'S WIDOW TESTIFIES REGARDING CRIME

The Harvey Jacks murder trial is still dragging forward at Circleville, and number of witnesses from this city have been present the past three days, but did not testify until Friday. These witnesses include Chief Moore and Patrolman Bell.

Mrs. Jessie Waldren, widow of the murdered man, was on the stand much of the time Wednesday and Thursday. Her story was, to a large extent, a corroboration of that of Mrs. Marie Little, sweetheart of Harvey Jacks, and over whom the murderer is alleged to have occurred. She is a sister to the dead man.

Mrs. Waldren admitted the men were quarreling prior to the crime, and that trouble was expected when they went into the yard.

She had been told by Mrs. Little that Jacks had threatened to kill her husband.

When the shots were fired the two women rushed out into the yard where the two men were found struggling, and Waldren, a man of powerful physique, was endeavoring to wrest the smoking gun away from Jacks. He had Jacks upon the ground and when the women appeared declared that he would make Jacks "eat the gun."

Thomas Waldren, the murdered man was 32 years of age. He stood six feet, two inches in his stockings and weighed 210 pounds and was considered a fine specimen of manhood. He left a wife and four children. The oldest is twelve years of age and the youngest a child in arms. He carried a \$1,000 life insurance policy. The family originally came from Ross county, near Frankfort.

DAUGHTERS OF AMERICA

The Daughters of the American Revolution are requested to have their old paper and magazines tied in bundles and ready for the committee who will call for them next Wednesday March 14.

MRS. HOWARD McLEAN,
MRS. H. W. WILLS,
MISS FLORA ALLEN,
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The girls of Mrs. Ada Jones Sunday School Class will hold a market of home cooking and candy at Parrett's Grocery, Saturday morning, March 10th at 8:30 o'clock.

WILL HOLD JOINT SESSION TONIGHT

Formal action will be taken on the proposal of purchasing the Riley land, some 10.5 acres immediately west of the present cemetery, at a joint session of the city council and Union township trustees tonight, and the indications are that the purchase of the land will be authorized accordingly.

If purchase of the land is made, the work of parking it and laying it off

REV. LOCKE GIVES FOURTH OF SERIES; REV. ROSS TONIGHT

Rev. Thomas W. Locke, for five years a pastor of Grace M. E. church, who went from this city to Third Avenue, Columbus, and later was appointed Superintendent of the Lancaster District, conducted the fourth of the series of meetings at Grace M. E. church Thursday night, where the largest crowd of any this week assembled to greet him.

As only one pastor of the five remains to preach, his identity is, of course, disclosed. The sermon tonight will be by Rev. F. E. Ross now of Third Avenue, Columbus, and another large audience is expected to fill the church.

Rev. Locke spoke from the text: "If any man will do his will he shall know of the teaching."—John 7:17.

He said in part:

"The three great factors in human experience are human nature, environment and God. These correspond to the make up of man's being—to mind, matter and spirit."

"Man is instinctively a religious being and is largely influenced by the particular form of religion that is brought to bear upon him."

"The great question is how can a person come to a satisfactory knowledge of the true religion? How can he know God?"

"One comes to a knowledge of God and a conscious religious experience through the disposition of the will."

"The will is the great faculty of the soul and has been described as the "grand motor."

The preacher emphasized the place of the will in religious experience and conduct and emphasized decision as to the outstanding dominant force. He said:

"We come to a knowledge of God and a conscious Christian experience through obedience and practical conduct."

MARION WILL VOTE ON \$15,000 BOND ISSUE, MARCH 19

Monday, March 19th, Marion township will vote on the question of centralization of that part of the township's schools not now a part of some other district, and also upon the issuance of \$15,000 in bonds for erecting a centralized school building.

This step is in accordance with the plan to centralize some three sub-districts in Marion with a similar number in eastern Union township, and if the issue carries, it will then be up to Union township to determine whether she will unite with Marion in the plan of centralization.

The centralization of schools is also planned in Paint and other townships, but at the present time the work is at a standstill.

KIDNER NOW OWNER OF PARRETT GROCERY

Mr. G. C. Kidner, who, with Mr. C. A. Stanforth, purchased the Parrett Grocery, on East Court street, some two years ago, has purchased the interests of Mr. Stanforth, and is now sole owner of the well known grocery store.

While Mr. Stanforth has disposed of his holdings, he will remain at the grocery for some time at least.

During their two years in the city both Mr. Kidner and Mr. Stanforth have made hosts of friends and have substantially increased the business of the store.

ROBERT THOMAS BADLY INJURED

Robert Thomas, residing at Bloomingburg, was brought to the Fayette Hospital, Thursday afternoon, suffering of injuries sustained when he fell from a load of hay, Tuesday of this week.

Examination disclosed that one shoulder had been fractured, one leg fractured, and that he had sustained additional injuries, all of which will keep him in the hospital for several weeks.

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WELFARE SOCIETY CLEAN-UP PLANS

The Welfare Association is co-operating with the Home Garden Club Committee in a gigantic scheme for civic improvement along educational lines.

The project covers a general clean-up, the starting of home gardens all over the city, the fly campaign and whatever is of community interest.

At a recent meeting of the Welfare Association the city was divided into 33 districts with 50 people assigned to the management of these districts.

This was done in the hope of effecting a working together of the entire community for the improvement of health, sanitation and general conditions of our town—to bring people together in a great common interest.

These district chairmen will report periodically concerning the sanitary and health conditions of their districts and will endeavor to locate vacant lots or deserted gardens for the truck garden plan which is now being taken up by the Garden Club in cooperation with the Welfare Association.

PERSONALS

Mr. S. Kingery made a business trip to Columbus Friday.

Mr. P. C. Harlow has returned from Orrville to attend to his farm interests during the Spring season.

Mrs. L. M. Scethorne, Ashville, O., is visiting her brother, Mr. Arthur Burgett and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Wert Shoop spent Friday in Cincinnati to attend the Dog Show.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Minshall came down from Columbus, Thursday, to attend the funeral of Mrs. J. W. Rothrock.

Mrs. Robert Schenck returned to Dayton, Friday afternoon, after a visit with her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Patton.

Mrs. Frank M. Fullerton and Mrs. R. C. Peddicord were the guests of Mrs. W. J. Galvin in Wilmington Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ghormley, of near Greenfield were visitors here today enroute to Columbus to attend the theaters.

Mr. and Mrs. John Miser have moved back to this city from their farm near Bainbridge. They are residing on Lakeview Avenue, Millwood.

Mr. O. H. Robbins returned Thursday evening from Beaver, O., bringing back his mother, Mrs. M. A. Robbins, to make her home with him and Mrs. Robbins on West Market Street.

The news that Mrs. Harley Flee is showing improvement after a serious operation at the Fayette Hospital, is most welcome to many anxious friends.

Mr. J. L. Reid attended the Ohio Retailer's Shoe Convention in Toledo, this week, representing the Lumm and Sweet Co. He returns Saturday.

Miss Sallie Cook, formerly of this city, has accepted a position with Craig Bros., of Washington C. H., in the ready-to-wear department.—Circleville Herald.

Mrs. Margaret Beekman came up from Peebles to attend the funeral of

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IT is now in progress and will continue until next Thursday, March the 15th.

THE assortments are complete and show exclusive new style features superior to anything we have heretofore shown.

THE prices are exceptionally low, compare them in any store in any city in the State.

MANY people have bought. Why don't you, when you have this wonderful opportunity?

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A visit to our Underwear Sale will prove to you again "It Pays to Buy at Stutsons."

FRANK L. STUTSON

her cousin, Mrs. J. W. Rothrock. She was the guest of Dr. and Mrs. H. L. Stitt, Thursday and will visit Mr. and Mrs. R. T. McClure the remainder of the week.

Dr. Robert Barnes was called from Columbus, Thursday night in consultation with Dr. Deuschle, specialist, Dr. G. W. Blakely and Dr. W. E. Ireland in the case of Mr. Austin F. Hopkins. There is little change in Mr. Hopkins' condition this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, who have been here most of the time for some weeks, during the illness and death of Mrs. Bell's mother, Mrs. J. W. Rothrock, returned Thursday night to their home in Columbus.

Mrs. Wm. Boynton Gage and brother Mr. A. E. Pearson, of Pittsburg, Pa., spent Friday in Columbus.



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SCOTLAND YARDS COST IS HEAVY

(Associated Press Cable.) London, March 9.—Great Britain's secret service now costs 500,000 pounds, an increase of 400,000 pounds since the beginning of the war. The increase in the cost of the secret service department was greatest during the last fiscal year; 120,000 pounds over and above the estimated amount to run it being required.

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For corn is coming into its own in the old world as never before. Prior to the war, when people abroad had plenty to eat, corn was not in the list of food stuffs as desirable. Now they are beginning to appreciate that it is one of the best as well as one of the cheapest of foods.

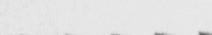
America is rich in possessing the corn belt of the world. Nowhere else does corn grow as in our country. Soil, climate, conditions, favor its production. We do produce three thousand million bushels of corn. We could produce six thousand million bushels.

No wonder that agricultural experts are co-operating with farmers in the effort to increase production of a crop of such leadership as the corn crop.

The New York Mail suggests that the secretary of agriculture, with his vast powers and prestige, spread the gospel of corn to open and broaden markets for its use in every land. If the whole world realized the worth of this grain it would add tremendously to the wealth and prosperity of America. It would increase the value of the farm, make freight for the railroads, cargoes for ships, lower the cost of living and benefit the world.

But without any stupendous effort on the part of the secretary of agriculture the old world is beginning to appreciate corn; to realize that it outranks all other grains in sustaining life.

There will never come a time when land that raises good corn will not be valuable, for there is only so much of that kind of land available and no other crop means as much to America.



Australia's Bit

The assistance rendered to England during the war by her colonial dependencies—those of her own stock particularly Canada, Ireland, Australia—during the war has been a factor of immense importance in encouraging the cause and spurring British arms.

Tommy Atkins has learned some important lessons from his cousins from across the seas, and, not to be outdone, is more than exerting himself in the performance of valor and of loyalty.

None of Britain's constituents, perhaps, has done its part more thoroughly and whole heartedly than Australia.

Australia since the war began has given her brave sons freely and unselfishly and has done whatever else has been in her power to assist in the cause of her mother country.

The world will not soon forget the hardy, courageous and ever cheerful Anzaes (a fond war nickname derived from the words Australia-New Zealand Army Corps) who fought so valiantly against overwhelming odds at Gallipoli and who abandoned the siege at last, not in despair but philosophical, to throw themselves with undiminished ardor into the fighting on the western fronts.

The Anzaes will be fondly remembered by friend and foe as brave men and good soldiers. And while they are doing their part in the thick of the struggle, those back home are not inactive. Last week the Lord Mayor of London received a purse of several thousand pounds from the Lord Mayor of Melbourne, a Christmas fund for the relief of Belgian children, and another purse for comforts for French soldiers whose homes are in occupied territory.

The lesson in patriotism and brotherly interest given by Australia is a good thing for Americans to consider in times like these.

Poetry For Today

A BOY'S TRIBUTE

Prettiest girl I've ever seen
Is Ma.
Loveliest than any Queen
Is Ma.
Girls with curls go walking by,
Dainty, graceful, bold and shy,
But the one that takes my eye
Is Ma.

Every girl made into one
Is Ma.
Sweetest girl to look upon
Is Ma.
Seen 'em short and seen 'em tall,
Seen 'em big and seen 'em small,
But the finest one of all
Is Ma.

Best of all the girls on earth
Is Ma.
One that all the rest is worth
Is Ma.
Some have beauty, some have grace.
Some look nice in silk and lace,
But the one that takes first place
Is Ma.

Sweetest singer in the land
Is Ma.
She that has the softest hand
Is Ma.
Tenderest, gentlest nurse is she,
Full of fun as she can be,
An' the only girl for me
Is Ma.

But if there's an angel here
It's Ma.
If God has sweetheart, dear,
It's Ma.
Take the girls that artists draw,
An' all the girls I ever saw,
The only one without a flaw
Is Ma.

—Detroit Free Press.

Weather Report

Washington, March 9.—Ohio, Tennessee, Kentucky and Indiana; Fair Friday and Saturday.

West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania—Fair Friday, Saturday and probably Sunday.

Lower Michigan—Party cloudy Friday; Saturday fair.

Illinois—Fair Friday and probably Saturday; warmer in western portion Friday.

WEATHER FORECAST

Ohio—Fair.

Daily Calendar.
From noon today to noon tomorrow: Sun sets, 6:01; moon rises, 7:00 p.m.; sun rises, 6:29.

CLIMATOLOGICAL CHART.

Ending 7:00 p.m.
Highest temperature 43.
Lowest temperature 34.
Mean temperature 39.
Barometer 30:10. Rising.

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(Associated Press Cable)

Vienna, March 9.—Every one of the 13,000,000 German-Austrians within the empire is represented by 1,154 Kronen (\$231) in the war loans that have been raised in Austria. These loans have amounted to 18,000,000,000 kronen, of which the German subjects have subscribed some fifteen billions. The six million Czechs have subscribed one million and a quarter, while the remaining 13,000,000 inhabitants, including 8,000,000 inhabitants of Galicia and the Bukovina, have subscribed one and three quarters billions.

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INITIATION AND BANQUET ATTRACT OVER 200 ELKS

Thursday night's banquet and initiation of Washington Lodge B. P. O. E. 129 recorded itself the pre-eminent event of the lodge year, bringing together two hundred members and an unusual number of distinguished guests.

Foremost among the visitors prominent in Elkhorn were Charles C. Jones of Columbus District Deputy of Central Ohio successor to Jess W. Smith, who had the honor of representing the Washington Lodge for two years, Hon. H. M. Daugherty, of the Columbus Lodge, John W. Coffman, chairman of the Elk's Board of Trustees, Mr. Edward J. Durham, Vice Chairman; John J. Price, Exalted Ruler and John Rainey, Secretary of the Columbus Lodge and brother W. B. Turner, of Columbus.

There were also a number of Elks attending from Greenfield, New Holland, Mt. Sterling and Jeffersonville. The Club rooms presented a brilliant scene with elaborate decorations of the stars and stripes evincing the patriotism for which this lodge is noted.

A class of ten was initiated, the work put on by Exalted Ruler A. Clark Gossard and the officers of his staff. The excellence of the work called forth high encomiums from District Deputy Janes.

Those taken into the mysteries of the order were: L. Ervin Parrett, Dr. P. M. Cook, Tom E. Murray, W. C. Blue, Clark Rodgers, H. P. Malone Stein, Harry Goodman, Dr. O. J. Moon, Fred B. Hillery, Paul H. Hughey.

Fine short addresses were made in connection with the initiation by District Deputy Chas. C. Janes; Exalted Ruler of the Columbus Lodge, John J. Price; and Chairman Elk's Board of Trustees, Columbus Lodge.

An elaborate course banquet was served in the big ball room at the

conclusion of the initiatory ceremony.

A wave of fraternal pleasure enveloped the assemblage during the banquet hour and reached the flood tide in the brilliant hour of toasting which followed.

Dr. O. D. Maddox was both spontaneous and witty in the role of toastmaster.

Hon. H. M. Daugherty made the toast of the evening his subject "The Close Connection Between Patriotism and the Elks". Mr. Daugherty was splendidly at his best and his eloquence riveted attention.

The Elks is strictly an American order and everywhere "Old Glory" floats there are now established Elks' lodges.

Lieut. Billie E. Paul, just back from the Border, responded with ready wit, saying he was "Glad to know the lodge had the judgment to pick out Brother Daugherty and himself for the leading speakers."

The incoming Exalted Ruler, R. R. Kibler, presented the future work of the order and the need of an Elks' Home in this city, in a forceful little speech.

There were happy informal responses from a number of Elks and from several of the new candidates.

The complete success of the banquet was due to the splendid management of the Social Session Committee, George Sunkle, Chairman, C. N. Baer, Ed Elfe, Dr. H. M. Roberts and J. H. Culhan.

The Domestic Art class taught by Miss Prudence Culhan exhibited work done in this class that was very creditable to both the teacher and the score of girls who are taking this work.

The Manual Training class showed some excellent work in small pieces of furniture and in the fly traps being made at the request of the City Welfare Association.

The girls and boys of the upper

grades sang two selections and joined with the parents in singing the Cherry Hill school song.

Supt. McClain was then introduced and held the undivided attention of those present for one hour while he discussed the main issue and problems of the present day school.

Mr. McClain was especially interesting in his discussion of the Crawford law now pending in the Ohio Legislature and in the course of this discussion assured the patrons no backward step was the slogan of the Washington C. H. school.

After adjournment a short social session was held and dainty refreshments were served by hostesses: Mrs. Walter McLean, Mrs. Wyncoop, Mrs. Geo. Bryant, Mrs. Grover Taylor, Mrs. W. B. Steffy, Mrs. M. O. Roan, Mrs. Veenhoover, Mrs. Newman DeWitt, Miss Anschutz, Miss Mabel Jones.

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The girls of Mrs. Ada Jones Sunday School Class will hold a market of home cooking and candy at Parrett's Grocery, Saturday morning, March 10th at 8:30 o'clock.

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March 1 to producers, 58 cents per bushel, compared with 42 cents a year ago and 52 cents two years ago.

United States—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 101,000,000 bushels, compared with 12,058,000 a year ago and 8,038,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, \$1.75 per bushel, compared with \$1.11 a year ago and \$1.41 two years ago.

United States—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 161,000,000 bushels, compared with 214,448,000 bushels a year ago and 152,903,000 two years ago. Price on March 1 to producers, \$1.64 per bushel, compared with \$1.03 a year ago and \$1.34 two years ago.

United States—Estimated stocks on farms March 1 this year 789,000,000 bushels, compared with 1,116,559,000 a year ago and 910,894,000 two years ago. Price March 1 to producers \$1.01 per bushel, compared with 68.2 cents a year ago, and 75.1 cents two years ago.

Corn of Merchantable Quality.

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Bake in two nine-inch jelly tins in moderate oven for twenty-five minutes. Put together with boiled coconut and cover top and sides; sprinkle with coconut.

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HOME GARDEN SUGGESTIONS

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The essentials for successful gardening on a small or large scale are soil, water, and cultivation. Much depends also on the grower, the season, and the crops selected.

The soil is the storehouse of plant food. The garden, therefore, should contain humus or rotted material in large quantities. The gardener should remember that about 50 per cent of ordinary earth is not soil at all, but consists of air and water.

Water makes plant food that is present freely soluble. Rain and snow water are soft and contain ammonia. The magic of soft water on the plant world is one of the miracles of good gardening as every one who has contrasted the effect of rain with that produced by sprinkling with hose realizes. Plants are succulent and contain large amounts of water which they have to draw from the soil.

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AN HONEST LETTER

FROM AN HONEST MAN

Enos Halbert, Paoli, Ind., writes: "I contracted a severe cold this fall and coughed continually. Could hardly sleep at nights. I tried several remedies without relief. Got Foley's Honey and Tar and the first bottle relieved me, curing my cough entirely. I can recommend it for all coughs."

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CANNING FACTORY CHANGES HANDS

Meinhard M. Crites, of Circleville, son of H. M. Crites, and who was manager of the C. E. Sears cannery plant in this city, has purchased the branch factory of the W. C. Pressing Canning Company, in New Holland, and will greatly enlarge the plant at that place.

Addison Hyer and George Raeb, who have been associated with the Pressing company for many years, will continue in the employ of the new owner. They are now busy contracting a large acreage of sugar cane.

Work of remodeling and enlarging the plant will be taken up without delay.

B. & O. ENLARGES THE STOCK YARDS

The B. & O. has increased the size of its stock yards in this city, building three or four additional pens west of the former pens between Pearl and Grace streets, on the south side of the tracks.

The additional room was made necessary by increases in the number of stock shipped, and the fact that cars are not always on hand when desired, as result of the freight tie-up.

LICENSED TO WED

In Pickaway county probate court a license to wed has been issued to A. H. McCafferty, 21, and Estelle Ordhood, 17, both of New Holland. Rev. C. B. Beckes is mentioned as the officiating minister.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Stated convention of Confidence Lodge, Monday night. Class for Rank of Knight. Refreshments. All Knights urged to be present.

OL SEVER, C. C.

FAT COINS ARE REDUCED BY WAR

(Associated Press Cable)

London, March 9.—The new 1917 pennies are out. Although they are thinner and certainly look lighter than the old issue they are still five times the weight and size of the American cent. It is said that the new coins were made thinner because it was found that the 1914-16 issues were too thick to be used in penny-in-the-slot gas meters.

WOMEN OFFICIALS IN AUSTRALIA

(Associated Press Cable)

Brisbane, Australia, March 9.—Women justices are sitting in the present session of the High Court here for the first time in the history of Queensland.

CUPID IS BUSY IN CLINTON COUNTY

Dan Cupid is as busy as ever—in fact more so—in Clinton county, and while the number of weddings in Fayette has shown a marked decrease, the number in Clinton shows an increase. In this connection the Wilmington News says:

The records for February, 1917, show an increase over the records for 1916, the number of licenses issued in 1917 being sixteen as against fourteen for the year 1916.

Couples seeking licenses came in to the Court almost in droves in the last week of the month, said a Clerk, and there was the record to show for it, besides.

"It is apparent the monster High Cost of Living has no terrors for Clinton county people. One of the licenses issued was to a Washington C. H. boy, Percy Shafer, who took unto himself for a wife, Miss Chloe Cartwright, a Sabina girl."

The system will probably be reintroduced by an order in council, as it is not necessary to have a fresh act of parliament.

Daylight saving went into effect on May 21, last year. The change caused so little inconvenience and the return to winter time at the end of summer was made so easy that the experiment was pronounced a success.

The committee appointed to discover the beneficial effect of the daylight saving scheme has not yet submitted its findings.

INDIA NOW HAS MUNITIONS MINISTER

(Associated Press Cable)

Delhi, March 9.—An office similar to that of the Minister of Munitions in England has been created in India with the appointment of Sir Thomas Holland to the presidency of Indian Industrial Commission. The Commission is expected to mobilize for the war India's industrial and natural resources. The object is to make India self-supporting as to supplies and to insure that the surplus export goes to the best purpose.

AMERICANS ARE STARVING

(By American Press)

Washington, March 9.—The thousand odd American refugees marooned at Jerusalem and Jaffa awaiting transportation back to the United States, are facing starvation, according to dispatches which have reached the government through various channels during the week. In addition to the lack of food the refugees are also suffering privation generally. Meanwhile the cruiser Ida Moines and the collier Caesar, which were dispatched to bring back the refugees, are being held at Alexandria. Turkey has withheld safe conduct guarantees for so long that the government here has become suspicious. It is feared that either or both of the vessels may be sunk by submarines and in that event they foresee a long controversy over the nationality of the undersea destroyers.

PATRIOTIC, BUT PHYSICALLY UNFIT

By Associated Press Dispatch.

Cleveland, O., March 9.—Uncle Sam doesn't want John Toss, of Toledo, in his army, navy or marine corps.

Toss made an unsuccessful attempt to enlist in all three. At the army recruiting office a bunion on his foot caused his rejection; at the marine station it was his teeth; he had 19 sound teeth, whereas 20 are required, while at the navy recruiting station his inability to distinguish the letters "C" and "O" at a distance of three feet was his undoing.

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SATURDAY, MONDAY AND TUESDAY
March 10th, 12th and 13th

During these three days we will sell good dependable merchandise at below cost. Spring goods are arriving every day and we are handicapped for room, so that is why we are selling merchandise at below cost in order to move them quickly, AS WE NEED THE ROOM. Next year goods will be much higher. They never will be sold again at the prices named here below, so it will pay, even to buy now for next winter needs at these prices.

Men's Goods

Men's Ribbed Underwear for the 3 days only. 39c

Men's Heavy Fleece underwear for the 3 days. 39c

Men's \$1.00 Ribbed unionsuits for the 3 days. 69c

Men's \$1.25 Heavy Fleece unionsuits at. 79c

Men's 50c working shirts, this sale. 38c

Men's 75c Jersey Shirts, this sale. 38c

Men's \$1.50 Wool Shirts will sell at. 79c

Men's Jersey Gloves at per pair. 7c

Men's Good Working Hose at per pair. 7c

Men's \$2.00 Moleskin Pants this sale. \$1.29

Men's Khaki Pants, a full line just received at per pair. 87c

Men's \$1.25 Cotton Pants, this sale, per pair. 87c

Men's Buckle Arctics, what we have left. 75c

Men's \$2.00 Heavy Arctics, for the 3 days. \$1.29

Men's \$4.00 Gum Boots, extra good quality. \$2.95

Men's \$1.00 Sweater Coats, the 3 days. 59c

Men's \$3.00 Wool Sweater Coats this sale. \$1.85

Men's \$5.00 Raincoats this sale. 3.98

We have decided to discontinue the men's suits, owing to the want of room, so during the 3 days of this sale we will sell all Men's Suits at below cost.

Ladies' Goods

Ladies' House Dresses, this sale. 69c

Ladies' \$1 Kimonos, this sale. 69c

Ladies' 50c Knit Petticoats, the 3 days. 29c

Ladies' Silk Waists, in white, brown, blue or black, at 69c. Some of these waists were sold as high as \$4.50.

Ladies' Lawn Waists, this sale. 69c

Ladies' 50c Dressing Sacs, the 3 days. 29c

Ladies' 75c Bungalow Aprons, this sale. 44c

Ladies' and Misses' 45c Caps will sell at. 25c

Ladies' 25c Caps. 15c. Ladies' 50c Hoods. 15c

Ladies' Underwear for the 3 days only. 19c

Ladies' 75c Unionsuits for this sale only. 42c

Ladies' \$1.25 Unionsuits will sell at. 76c

Ladies' \$1.98 Shoes the 3 days. \$1.59

Ladies' Raincoats at one-half price.

Ladies' Cloth Coats at less than half price.

Ladies' Fur Trimmed Slippers at. 90c

Ladies' Felt Slippers at. 45c

Junior Dresses, sizes from 14 to 19, worth \$1.00, this sale. 69c

Misses' Rain Capes with cap, worth \$1.25 this sale. 59c

Misses' Dresses will sell the 3 days only at. 37c

Children's 45c Dresses this sale. 23c

Children's 50c Dresses this sale. 33c

Children's Winter Coats, corduroy or white bearskin at. 69c

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SOLONS WILL QUIT WORK ON SABBATH

Speeding Up With Additional Time Makes End of Session Possible Early Sunday.

By Associated Press Dispatch.

Columbus, O., March 9.—Many bills were still clogging the calendars of both houses of the legislature on the eve of the session today and indications are that tomorrow's session will run into the early hours of Sunday morning before recess is taken until March 20. It was 3 o'clock in the morning when the session closed two years ago.

Members are tired from the strenuous work of the last few days and it is with difficulty that Speaker Hopkins in the House is able to maintain anything like order.

The usual hilarity is expected to break forth at the closing session tomorrow night, although leaders have warned against any misconduct. Throwing waste paper baskets and books at each other, singing songs and creating a general turmoil usually goes with the closing session of the House.

Country dogs when they go to town will be right in style with the city dogs, wearing a collar and tag, if the bill by Representative Platt of Ashland, which is expected to pass the House today and the Senate tomorrow becomes a law. It provides for licensing every dog in the state. Owners will get their license and tag when they pay their \$1 dog tax without any extra charge.

The bill does not provide for county dog catchers but any person may report a dog not wearing a collar and tag to a justice of the peace and if the owner does not procure a license within 24 hours he is liable to a fine of from \$15 to \$50. The bill is designed to rid the sheep growing counties of stray dogs which kill sheep. Fees from the license would go into the sheep fund and to the Humane Society where there are no sheep killed by dogs.

A delegation of East Youngstown citizens whose property was destroyed by the riots there more than a year ago are here today urging passage of bills to appropriate \$300,000 from the state treasury to compensate them for damages growing out of the riots.

Governor Cox may appoint a woman on the new state board of public instruction created by the legislature. As originally drawn the bill provided that presidents of the state universities and normal schools constitute this board but it was amended to provide for the appointment of seven "persons", one of whom shall be the state superintendent of public instruction.

If the constitution does not prevent a woman from holding office it is said the governor will appoint a woman on the board. The board will not exercise general supervision over educational matters of the state. It is created merely to comply with the act of congress allowing states an appropriation for vocational training. The government will put up \$90,000 for the state for this purpose if the state will raise a like amount. It is to be distributed among the schools of the state for the purpose of training the youth in the arts of industry and domestic science.

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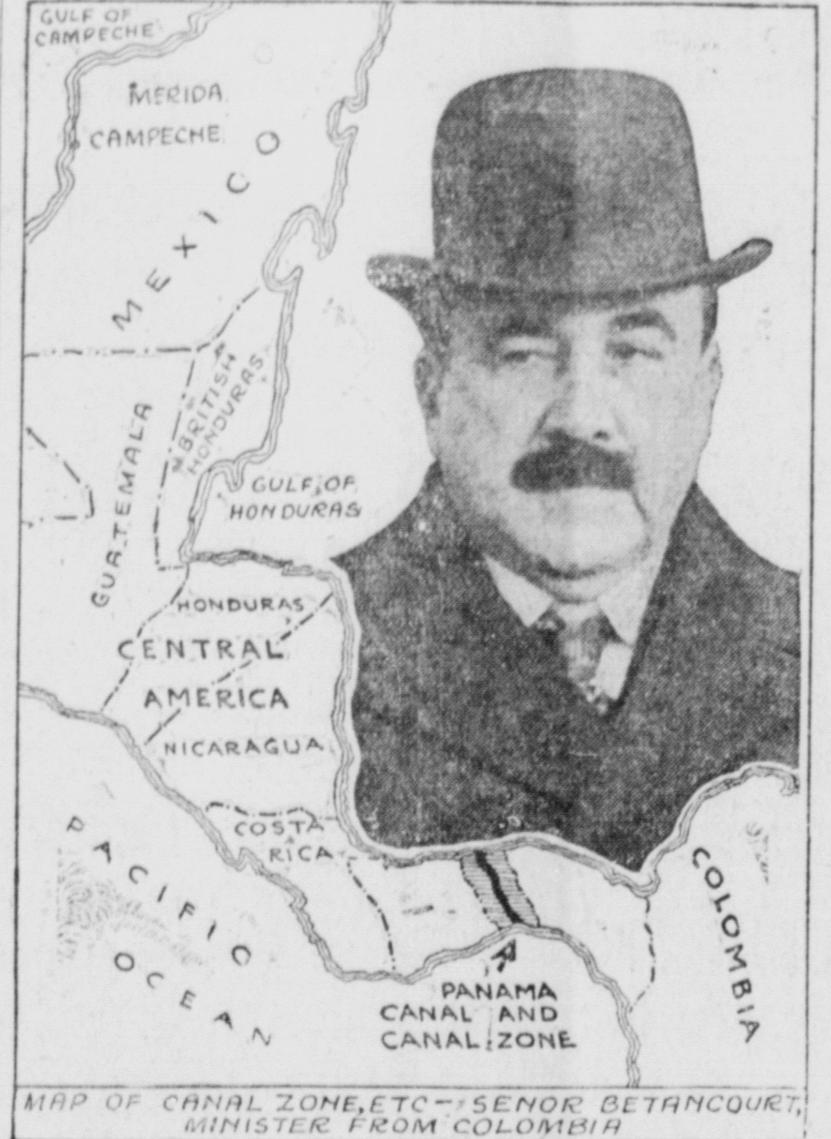
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Goethals Says Canal Is Safe From Raid By Battleship



MAP OF CANAL ZONE, ETC.—SEÑOR BETANCOURT, MINISTER FROM COLOMBIA

Major General George W. Goethals ridiculed recent assertions that the Panama canal was so poorly defended that it would be at the mercy of a modern battleship in case of war. He said the present defenses of the canal were powerful and that the new twelve inch guns which had been provided by the ordinance department and were ready to be put in place would enable us to combat any raid.

General Goethals admitted one weak point in the defense—the lack of a sufficient number of airplanes and guns to combat airplanes. The same criticism, he said, applied to our defenses at home.

He caused some surprise by suggesting that, after all the comment that has been made about the probability of an attack on the canal as

soon as possible by any enemy, an enemy probably would not consider the destruction of the canal much of a prize after all.

"What I can't understand," he said, "is why a foreign power should care to attack the canal when New York affords a prize so much greater and when Chesapeake bay could be entered so easily."

It had been asserted that Colombia was smarting under the separation of Panama, for which many Colombians blamed the United States, and also under the failure of congress to compensate her for the loss, contemplated action against the canal in case of war between the United States and Germany.

The map shows the relationship of the canal zone to the surrounding countries. Senator Julio Betancourt, minister of Colombia to the United States is seen in the picture.

held responsible for a failure to get a vote upon it. There were some bitter criticisms of the president and of the newspapers. Senator Cummings declared that any man in the senate or out, if "high or low," who said he attempted or conspired to prevent a vote on the bill, "deliberately falsified."

Senator Townsend said the president's statement was unjust, unfortunate and, in his opinion, unconstitutional as an attack upon a coordinate branch of the government. Senator Norris announced that he favored a cloture rule, but was opposed and would still be opposed to the armed neutrality bill unless modified. He asserted the side of those who opposed that measure had never reached the people.

Senator Sherman said he failed to see any reason to be "precipitate" in the matter, and pointed to the sinking of the Lusitania nearly two years ago and the sinking of other ships since to show that the president had not been in a hurry to demand action.

Action came unexpectedly, after six hours' debate on the new rule, drafted by a bipartisan committee. Although both Democrats and Republicans had approved the change in caucus, and Senator Martin, the majority floor leader, had given notice that the senate would be kept in continuous session until a vote was taken, nearly everyone looked for a much longer session.

Senators LaFollette and Gruening, two of those who opposed the armed neutrality bill, and Senator Taft, who favored it, cast the negative votes. Senator Cummings, Kenyon, Kirby, Lane, Norris, Stone and Vandaman, who were against the armed neutrality bill, voted for the amendment.

The exact use of the rule will not become apparent until it is enforced, but it probably can not be successfully used to prevent the spectacular one-man filibusters by which senators have talked bills pending in the closing hours of a session to a legislative grave. Such filibusters probably can not be prevented unless they are foreseen, but an organized affair which must be planned two days or more ahead of a session's end can be disposed of easily.

In brief, the new rule provides that on petition of sixteen senators to close debate on a pending measure in the senate, by a two-thirds vote on the following day but one, may limit debate thereafter to one hour to each senator. It includes provisions to prevent dilatory tactics and the introduction after cloture is ordered or amendments not germane to the pending bill.

The debate started peacefully, but before it had continued long it branched into discussion on the armed neutrality bill and the president's statement about the twelve men he

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